

We claim:

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1. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:
    - sending a request from a user for a page having educational content over the network;
    - receiving said page;
    - displaying the content to a user;
    - tracking and recording the time the user views the educational content to ensure
  - 10 said user views said content for a time greater than or equal to a minimum time period and less than or equal to a maximum time period.
  2. The method of claim 1 wherein the user receives continuing education credit for viewing the educational content where said time is between said maximum and said
  - 15 minimum time periods.
  3. The method of claim 2 wherein said educational content is presented to a user in the form of a daily interrogatory and related answer.
  - 20 4. The method of claim 2 comprising the additional steps of:
    - recording the amount of credit granted to each user; and
    - providing the amount of credit granted to each user to said user upon request.
  5. The method of claim 2 wherein said method does not award educational credit to a
  - 25 user of said electronic device for reviewing said educational content as a result of the recorded amount of time exceeding a maximum time parameter.
  6. The method of claim 2 comprising the additional steps of:
    - sending a message to the user indicating an inadequate amount of time has been
    - 30 spent reviewing said educational content, said message generated as a result of the recorded amount of time not exceeding a minimum time parameter;
    - receiving subsequently from said user a new recorded amount of time; and

awarding educational credit to the user based on said new recorded amount of time.

7. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

- 5 providing a page having educational content over the network;
- receiving a request for said page from a user;
- sending said page to the user;
- tracking and recording the time the user views the educational content to ensure
- said user views said content for a time greater than or equal to a minimum time period
- 10 and less than or equal to a maximum time period.

8. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

- providing a page having one or more educational units and one or more
- advertising units;
- 15 associating one or more of said advertising units with one or more of said
- educational units such that said advertising unit is displayed in connection with said
- educational unit.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein a plurality of said advertising units constitute an

20 advertisement.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein said advertising units are indexed to said

educational units.

25 11. The method of claim 8 wherein said advertising units displayed are specific to the

user.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein said advertisement is part of a sequence of

advertising, said sequence of advertising being synchronized with the sequence of

30 educational units.

13. The method of claim 8 comprising the further step of:

forwarding said educational unit and an associated advertisement to a user-designated recipient.

5 14. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of pages holding educational content, said educational content grouped by topics, said topics divided into a plurality of educational units providing substantially complete content, said educational units stored on said web pages;

10 receiving a request from a user of an electronic device interfaced with said network for one of said pages;

forwarding said page in response to said request;

receiving an indication from said user that said user has completed reviewing said educational content.

15 15. The method of claim 14 wherein said educational unit includes content for a professional user and a non-professional user.

16. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

20 grouping selected educational units so as to form a course;

registering said user for said course; and

sending said educational units forming said course to said electronic device for review by said user.

25 17. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

providing user response to the author of said educational units after said user reviews said educational units; and

altering other educational units based on said user response.

30 18. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

presenting said educational unit to said user in the format of a crossword puzzle;

providing hyperlinks to the correct answers for said crossword puzzle; and

using said crossword puzzle completion as a basis for awarding continuing education units to said user.

19. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional step of:

5 providing a search feature for said educational unit, said search feature searching multiple educational units on a plurality of web pages utilizing a single query.

20. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

10 providing a plurality of web pages, said web pages including educational units providing substantially complete content, said educational units stored on said web pages;

receiving a request from a user of an electronic device interfaced with said network for a search of said educational units; and

15 searching said educational units based upon a user-supplied profession of the author of said educational unit.

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